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HPD OFFICERS COMPETE IN THE 2015 WORLD POLICE & FIRE GAMES



Harrisonburg, VA – The 2015 World Police & Fire Games have concluded and the Harrisonburg Police Department had a strong showing in several events. Officers from across the United States and throughout the world traveled to Fairfax between 6/27/2015 and 7/5/2015 to compete in a variety of competitions. Due to its proximity, Seven Officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department took advantage of the opportunity and competed in six different events.

Investigator Michael Gulino and **Investigator Alan Dyer** competed in the Mountain Bike competition. This was held at the Fountainhead Regional Park and was a two lap 13 mile course. Investigator Gulino placed 15th in the 35-39 age group and was 105th overall. Investigator Dyer placed 4th in the 30-34 age group and was 3rd in the United States. Overall Investigator Dyer finished 12th out of 108 competitors and 7th from the United States.

Officer Greg Deeds competed in the Police Motorcycle competition. This consisted of several cone and obstacle courses testing the rider's skills and abilities. Officer Deeds was interviewed about the event for a World Games YouTube video featured in the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_AOKJWiCOM

Sergeant Rachel Hammer competed in the Women's Individual Golf Competition in the 18-50 age groups. The competitors in this sport were separated by their respective handicaps and played three



rounds of golf on courses in the Fairfax, Virginia area. Sergeant Hammer finished 5th in the 13-20.9 handicap. Sergeant Hammer finished 3rd from the United States in that group.

Captain Thomas Hoover, Sergeant Pete Ritchie, and Corporal Daniel Claxton represented the department well with great results in the Police Action Pistol competition. Corporal Claxton placed 7th in the 18-50 age group and was 4th in the United States. Captain Hoover and Sergeant Ritchie competed in the 50+ age group. Captain Hoover placed 4th and Sergeant Ritchie was not far behind with a 7th place finish. Captain Hoover was 3rd in the United States and Sergeant Ritchie finished 6th from the United States. Altogether there were 163 competitors in each age and gender divisions. Corporal Claxton placed 9th overall out of those competing.

Investigator Dyer competed in two additional events at the games; the Cross Country 10K, and Half Marathon. Both competitions were dominated by runners from the Mexico Federal Police. In the 10K Cross Country race, Investigator Dyer finished 39th overall out of 169 competitors, 12th in his age group and was 5th from the United States.

Investigator Dyer also competed as part of a team in the 30-39 age groups along with 3 other officers from the United States. Their combined time was low enough to earn them a silver medal in that competition with the winners coming again from the Mexico Federal Police. His teammates for the event were an Andres Verduzco from Lake Station Police Department in Indiana, Albert Kim from Arlington County Police Department, and Darren Hendricks from Stafford County Fire & Rescue.

The Half Marathon was the last event of the games taking place on 7/5/2015. **Investigator Dyer** finished 40th overall out of 265 competitors, 12th in his age group, and was 8th from the United States overall.

After the race was finished the flame from the games was passed on to the next location. In two years the World Police & Fire Games will take place in Montreal, Canada.



Photos: Investigator Dyer & Investigator Gulino Competing in the Mountain Bike Competition



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Photo: Officer Deeds Competing in the Cone Course



Photo: Sergeant Rachel Hammer at the Golf Competition



Photo: L to R, Sgt. Ritchie, Cpl. Claxton, Capt. Hoover



Photo: Captain Hoover in the Pistol Competition



Photos: Corporal Claxton in the Pistol Competition Photo: Kim, Dyer, and Verduzco with their Silver Medals



Photos: Investigator Dyer Competing in the 10K and the Half Marathon

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